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Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A method of manufacturing a composite sheet ~~according to Claim 14~~ formed as a nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers and a bonded rubber elastic material comprising the steps of:

forming the nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers by aligning said nonelastic fibers in a longitudinal direction of the nonwoven fabric;

bonding the rubber elastic material onto said nonwoven fabric with orientation cross to the aligned direction of said nonelastic fibers, wherein said bonding step includes:

aligning strands of a plasticized thermoplastic elastomer as said rubber elastic material in a width direction of said nonwoven fabric; wherein the aligning of the plasticized thermoplastic elastomer includes:

forming said nonwoven fabric into a cylindrical shape;

moving said nonwoven fabric formed into a cylindrical shape in the axis direction of said cylindrical shape;

attaching a said plasticized thermoplastic elastomer to an inner surface of said nonwoven fabric ~~on the move~~ along a circumference of said moving cylindrical shape; and

~~move~~ solidifying the plasticized thermoplastic elastomer

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attached to said nonwoven fabric to provide said rubber elastic material.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of manufacturing a composite sheet according to Claim 15, wherein said step of forming said nonwoven fabric into a cylindrical shape includes:

preparing a forming portion including a cylinder, said nonwoven fabric being supplied to an inner surface of said cylinder; and

supplying said nonwoven fabric along an inner surface wall of said cylinder.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of manufacturing a composite sheet according to Claim 16, wherein said step of attaching a plasticized thermoplastic elastomer to an inner surface of said nonwoven fabric formed into a cylindrical shape includes:

preparing a rotary spinning head portion in a central portion of said cylinder, said rotary spinning head portion being supplied therewith with said plasticized thermoplastic elastomer and being provided with a nozzle opened in its outer peripheral surface; and

rotating said rotary spinning head portion at the same time ~~spinning~~ spinning said plasticized thermoplastic elastomer from said nozzle to attach said plasticized thermoplastic elastomer to said nonwoven fabric supplied into said cylinder and moving therein.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A method of manufacturing a composite

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sheet ~~according to Claim 15~~ formed as a nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers and a bonded rubber elastic material comprising the steps of:

forming said nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers by aligning said nonelastic fibers in a longitudinal direction of the nonwoven fabric;

bonding a rubber elastic material onto said nonwoven fabric with orientation cross to the aligned direction of said nonelastic fibers, wherein said step of ~~composing~~ forming the nonwoven fabric includes aligning said nonelastic fibers in a width direction of a nonwoven fabric to be formed as said orientation cross to the aligned direction; and

said step of bonding the rubber elastic material includes aligning strands of a thermoplastic elastomer as said rubber elastic material in a longitudinal direction of said nonwoven fabric.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): ~~The A~~ method of manufacturing a composite sheet ~~according to Claim 15~~ formed as a nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers and a bonded web including thermoplastic elastomer comprising the steps of:

forming the nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers by aligning said nonelastic fibers in a longitudinal direction of the nonwoven fabric;

forming a said web including a thermoplastic elastomer ~~and including to include~~ air holes;

elongating said web in one direction; ~~and~~

heating said elongated web at a temperature equal to or higher than a flow beginning temperature of said thermoplastic elastomer to eliminate a contractile force of said web[,]; and wherein said step of

bonding ~~the rubber elastic material~~ includes bonding said web with contractile force eliminated to said nonwoven fabric such that the aligned direction of said nonelastic fibers is cross to the elongation direction of said web.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The method of manufacturing a composite sheet according to Claim 19, wherein said step of forming a web includes:

preparing a film including a said thermoplastic elastomer, and
forming slits ~~which are to serve~~ as said air holes in said film.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of manufacturing a composite sheet according to Claim 20, wherein said step of forming said slits includes forming slits long in the elongation direction of said web.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A method of manufacturing a composite sheet ~~according to Claim 15~~ formed as a nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers having air permeable portions and a bonded rubber elastic material comprising the steps of:

forming the nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers having air permeable portions by aligning said nonelastic fibers in a longitudinal direction of the nonwoven

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fabric;

bonding the rubber elastic material onto said nonwoven fabric with orientation cross to the aligned direction of said nonelastic fibers, wherein said step of bonding the rubber elastic material includes:

preparing powder of a thermoplastic elastomer as said rubber elastic material;

attaching said powder to said nonwoven fabric in a pattern having orientation cross to the aligned direction of said nonelastic fibers ~~and~~ having air permeable portions;

heating said nonwoven fabric with said powder attached thereto at a temperature equal to or higher than a flow beginning temperature of said thermoplastic elastomer; and

pressing said nonwoven fabric heated at a temperature equal to or higher than the flow beginning temperature of said thermoplastic elastomer to said powder.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of manufacturing a composite sheet according to Claim 22, wherein said step of attaching said powder to said nonwoven fabric includes:

applying a liquid to said nonwoven fabric in said pattern; and

dispersing said powder on said nonwoven fabric with said liquid attached thereto.

Claim 24 (Original): ~~The~~ A method of manufacturing a composite sheet

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according to Claim 15 formed as a nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers having air permeable portions and a bonded web including thermoplastic elastomer comprising the steps of:

Forming said nonwoven fabric including nonelastic fibers having air permeable portions by aligning said nonelastic fibers in a longitudinal direction of a nonwoven fabric to be formed;

bonding a rubber elastic material onto said nonwoven fabric with orientation cross to the aligned direction of said nonelastic fibers, wherein said step of bonding the rubber elastic material includes:

applying a liquid including a material constituting said rubber elastic material and including a cross-linking agent added thereto onto said nonwoven fabric in a pattern having orientation cross to the aligned direction of said nonelastic fibers and having air permeable portions; and

drying said nonwoven fabric having said liquid applied thereto.

Claim 25 (Original): The method of manufacturing a composite sheet according to Claim 24, further comprising the step of performing heat treatment to said nonwoven fabric having said liquid applied thereto for promoting reaction of said cross-linking agent.

Claims 26-45 (Canceled)